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Remarks

The Examiner has been rejected claims 3 and 4 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1 and 2 under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Nakashima, WO 99/55789. Claims 3 and 10 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 and 10 have been amended to make them allowable; claims 2-4 and 8-9 are canceled; claim 5 is withdrawn and currently amended; and claims 6 and 7 are withdrawn.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and reconsideration of it is requested. If the Examiner disagrees, she is requested to contact the attorney for Applicants at the telephone number provided below.

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